

I am outraged by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Hours" days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The FCC is RESPONSIBLE to ensure the airwaves serve the INTERESTS of the public, NOT a few PARTISAN media outlets. An essential part of any DEMOCRACY is a FREE PRESS. Why is the FCC taking actions which are consolidating the airwaves, thereby MINIMIZING FREE PRESS? To what degree is the FCC fulfilling their role in our "democracy"?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated BY LAW to serve the public interest. They are NOT SERVING the interests of the AMERICAN PEOPLE. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please work to follow the laws and work to ensure we have a FREE MEDIA FOR THE PEOPLE, not a consolidated media that serves special interest groups and politicians. Thank you.